

## A Europe-wide digital collaboration

EuropeanaTravel is an EU-funded initiative to digitise cultural heritage treasures on the themes of travel, tourism, trade routes and exploration from Europe's national and leading research libraries.



The output will feed into **Europeana**, a portal whose forthcoming v 1.0 release in 2010 will give free access to over ten million digital resources from the museums, archives, libraries and audiovisual collections of Europe. The 2011 release of Europeana will include improved multilinguality and semantic web features.

## Digital Nomads

As pressure grows on the world's wildernesses, and air travel and mass tourism threaten the ecology of unspoilt destinations, it is intended that Europeana will provide a focus for the study of the origins and impacts of travel and tourism.

EuropeanaTravel will also demonstrate that economic migration is not a new phenomenon, as ancient trade routes and population movements will be tracked in the project.



“ The single most important thing libraries can do to help foster the new digital culture in arts, humanities and social sciences is to create more digital content. This is what EuropeanaTravel aims to do in the fields of travel and tourism. Academic researchers and students in a range of areas – such as history, the environment and European studies - will benefit from the digitised items created by this project, opening up new areas of research and study. It's a major contribution to creating a body of quality digital material in these areas. ”

-Paul Ayris, Director of UCL Library Services

## EuropeanaTravel at UCL

UCL Library Services are closely involved with this impressive collaboration.

- Leading partner libraries across Europe in planning their digitisation
- Spearheading the creation of an aggregation service to harvest partners' digital content into Europeana
- Digitising a significant selection of rare historical books, maps and manuscripts from the UCL School of Slavonic and East European Studies (SSEES) that date back nearly 500 years.

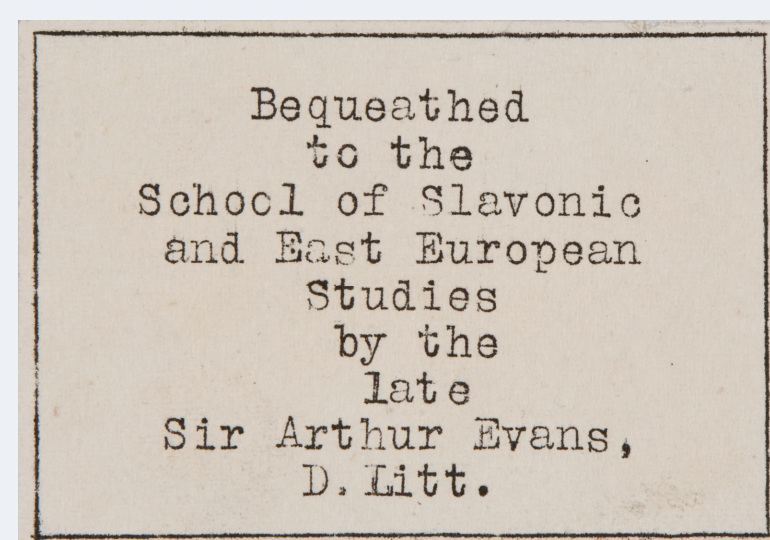
The new digital content will reach a global audience in the Europeana portal, and will also be available for staff, students and the public via the UCL Library Services Digital Collections service.

- Over 300 volumes of printed accounts, dating from 1557 to 1860, focusing on travels in Central Europe, Eastern Europe and Russia
- Many books embellished with plates, illustrations, engravings and maps
- The collection features books in English, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Latin, Polish and Russian
- Over 200 historic maps of Central and Eastern Europe, dating from the 19<sup>th</sup> century back to the 1540s

## Sir Arthur Evans' travel legacy

EuropeanaTravel will enable public access to previously unpublished travel memories, bequeathed to SSEES by the British archaeologist **Arthur John Evans** (1851-1941), who became famous for his

excavations of Knossos Palace in Crete.



- An album of Evans' photographs and sketches of the people and scenes from Transylvania, Wallachia, Bulgaria and Hungary dating from around 1884.
- A photograph album of a tour by car of Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina taken by Evans in 1932, retracing a similar journey made on foot in 1875.
- Two handwritten diaries of his wife **Margaret Evans** detailing travels with her husband in 1883 to Greece, Macedonia, Serbia and Bulgaria.
- Books bequeathed from Evans' personal library.
- Cartes de visite collected by Evans on his travels, depicting photographs of Balkan people, many in folk costume



## EuropeanaTravel Partners

- National Library of Estonia, EE - Coordinator
- Austrian National Library, AT
- EDL Foundation, NL
- Eremo srl, IT
- Goettingen State and University Library, DE
- Lund University Library, SE
- Moravian Library in Brno, CZ
- National Library of Finland, FI
- National Library of Latvia, LV
- National Library of Poland, PL
- National and University Library of Slovenia, SI
- National Library of The Netherlands, NL
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- Trinity College Library, IE
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- UCL, UK
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